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## Louisville Adoption Fair will Link Prospective Parents with Agencies

*By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications*

For anyone who has ever considered adopting a child but didn't know how to begin, the Louisville Adoption Fair is the place to be. Sponsored by Wednesday's Child and the Cabinet for Families and Children's Department of Community Based Services, the fair will be held at the University of Louisville's Shelby Campus on Feb. 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Information will be available on every aspect of adoption and foster care – from eligibility and preparation to support services after adoption.

Representatives from government agencies, private agencies and support groups will be on hand to hold workshops, answer questions and distribute literature. No matter what type of adoption may interest you – private-agency or state-agency adoption, infant adoption, international adoption, or adoption of older or medically fragile children – this group of professionals can provide information.

Anyone interested in adopting through CFC will be encouraged to attend a follow-up meeting a week or so after the fair. CFC is looking for good homes for more than 300 children who are older, or are in sibling groups, or have physical, medical or emotional challenges.

"We know children are happier and healthier if they are swiftly placed in a permanent and loving home, and many families would be thrilled to adopt children who are waiting for these homes," said Judi Spooner, director of CFC's Special Needs Adoption Program in Louisville, and coordinator of the fair. "We just need to make sure prospective parents have the information they need."



In addition to CFC, its Special Needs Adoption Program, and Wednesday's Child, Inc., the following agencies will also participate in the fair: A Helping Hand Adoption Agency; Adopt! Inc.; Adoptions of Kentucky; Adoption Assistance, Inc.; Catholic Charities; Childplace; Chosen Children Adoption Services; Indiana Special Needs Adoption Program; Jewish Family and Vocational Service; Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children; Kentucky One Church One Child; Pathways Child Placement Services; St. Elizabeth Regional Maternity Center; St. Joseph Children's Home; and the Villages.

For more information, call Judi Spooner at (800)928-4303, (502)637-9786 or (502)561-6827.

## CFS Focus Available Online – Updated Link

The Comprehensive Family Services newsletter, CFS Focus, is available online at:

<http://cfc.state.ky.us/cfsnews/focus.htm>



## CFC Online Looks at Volunteerism

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

The January issue of CFC Online is now available at <http://cfc.state.ky.us/cfconline/jan2001/index.htm>. In recognition of 2001 International Year of Volunteers, this issue looks at volunteers and volunteer organizations, especially those that work as partners with CFC in providing Comprehensive Family Services.

Content includes a look at the work of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service, an arm of CFC; volunteer groups that help protect children, including CASA, Foster Care Review Boards, and Safe Spot and Safe Kids programs; and other volunteers and agencies. Several employees who go above and beyond their jobs, volunteering their own time and resources to help others, are also profiled.

If you may be interested in becoming a volunteer, look at the "Volunteer Opportunities" page.

For an index of all issues of CFC Online, go to <http://cfc.state.ky.us/cfconline/index.htm>. If you have suggestions for future issues, contact [Margaret Davis Harney](#), CFC Communications.



## Helpful Web Sites

Compiled by Margaret Davis Harney

If you've found a helpful site you would like to share in this column, e-mail it to [Margaret Davis Harney](#).

(Note: This column is provided for informational purposes only and is not intended to be an endorsement for any site or its content.)

### CFC Program-related Legislation

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=104\\_cong\\_bills&docid=f:h3734enr.txt.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=104_cong_bills&docid=f:h3734enr.txt.pdf) – full text of the 1996 Welfare Reform law.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/LEGISLATION/act.HTM> – The Food Stamp Act.

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/liheap/statute.htm> – legislation related to LIHEAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

<http://www.ggw.org/cap/emancipated.html> -- Online text of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997.

<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb/policy/im0003.htm> -- Chaffee Foster Care Independence legislation.

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/KAR/TITLE922.HTM> -- Kentucky legislation on foster care, kinship care, etc.

<http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/KRS/620-00/CHAPTER.HTM> -- Kentucky child abuse legislation.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo> - The Violence Against Women Act, Office of the U.S. Department of Justice.

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/title6.html> – Clients' rights under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

<http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/taintro.htm> – Technical Assistance for Caseworkers on Civil Rights Laws and Welfare Reform, from the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights.

**Remember to use your ID card each time you enter the CHR Building. Proper procedure protects each of us and creates a safer, more secure work environment!**

## Weekend Security Tightened



The facility security officers in the CHR and Health Services buildings have begun enforcing the weekend security policy.

If your badge isn't programmed to allow you access on weekends, the security officers will not let you in unless you have special authorization. Such authorization must be in the form of a memo signed by a supervisor of branch manager rank or above.

The memo must state the names of individuals who should be granted access and the dates they are to be admitted to the building. It must be delivered in advance to the security station in the lobby of the CHR Building.

## Be A Holiday Hero

Give someone a special gift. Give blood.



There will be a blood drive at the American Legion Post at 164 Versailles Road, Frankfort. It will be held Thursday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## Sick Leave Needs

Anita Dowd, an employee of the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, is in need of donated sick leave. Anita is hearing impaired. She and her family were involved in an auto accident. To donate leave, contact Paula Wiese at (502) 573-2604.